

Visionary National Artist Ang Kiukok dies; 74
By Lisa B. Zubare

ANTHONY, artist Ang Kiukok, whose vibrant visionary paintings of wild seas, fighting crabs, great birds and the crowded Chinese community in Manila, died Monday night after a protracted illness.

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Antijeteng bishop bugged by 'choos, voices' in phone
By Christine E. Figueroa

WHILE bugging the bishop? Campaigns against Archbishop Oscar Cruz, who has refused many overtures with his denunciations of corruption, "choos" or "voices," a compilation of "choos" and "voices" in his earlier phone, and says he is not a prophet.



THE 47TH. Time for a team-building workshop for President Arroyo and members of the Cabinet or "Banding of the Palace." In photo, from left, are Vice President Noy de Castro, outgoing Health Secretary Juanito Sison and Executive Secretary Eduardo Ibarra.

Top coco levy exec quits

It's good high living exposed—Boncodin

By S.C. Calabang, Jr., Christine E. Figueroa and Christine E. Figueroa

THE TOP executives of the Coconut Industry Investment Fund (CIIIF) who enjoyed "bleeding" profits and privileges through their self-enrichment in the industry's monopoly have resigned last year.

The independent inquiry team, headed by Senator Antonio Trillanes IV, said that the CIIIF executives had been "bleeding" profits and privileges through their self-enrichment in the industry's monopoly.

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Bizarre twist in Ramos slay: Sister tagged

By Amanda M. Noyes

THE KILLING of Vilma Ramos, sister of the slain Mayor Leonor Ramos, was a bizarre twist in the slaying of the mayor, which ended with the mayor being killed by a bullet.

GMA meets top brass; Mike A visits camps

By S.C. Calabang, Jr. and Philip C. Toler

IT WAS business with pleasure for President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in Manila, Monday, as she met with Mike A. Mike A. is a member of the GMA. Mike A. is a member of the GMA. Mike A. is a member of the GMA.

Sta. Rosa mayor, guard shot dead

By Marlon Ramos

THE MAYOR of Sta. Rosa, Leonor Ramos, and her bodyguard were shot dead in a gunning attack that the Philippine National Police quickly blamed on communist guerrillas.

PNP Eastern Command Area Commander Gen. Romeo B. Manzano said he was not in Sta. Rosa when the attack took place.

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It's official: Dayrit quits health post

By Christine E. Figueroa

THE COMMISSIONER of the Department of Health (DOH) has announced that he is resigning from his post.

Bill's salient features: What's 'VAT-able,' what's not

By T. S. Sison

THE SENATE has passed a bill that will impose a value-added tax (VAT) on most goods and services. The bill is expected to be signed into law by President Arroyo.

Can you carry ₱130M in cash?

By Nelson P. Reyes

HOW much cash can you carry? The answer is ₱130 million.



The cartoon is titled "BASTA PERA KAYANG BUHATIN!" and shows a person holding a large bag of money.

Solons eye price controls, wage hike laws

By Philip C. Salinas
and Jerome Rosing

A bill on the price of basic commodities is a legislative P125 project now being pushed forward by lawmakers to cushion the impact of the P2 law increase that the Land Transportation and Franchising Regulatory Board approved on May 4.

House Majority Leader Proceso Bispas proposed that the President create an executive order on price and regulatory control for "socially sensitive products."

Legislative Rep. Roldan Bito introduced the passage of legislation proposing a P125 score bill on wage increase while others legislate called for others.

The National Energy and Petroleum Commission, meanwhile, said the latest law hike would be taken into account when the body decides on how much the minimum wage hike would be.

NPEC executive Director Gen. Leopoldo Bito said the proposed wage increase has already received copies of the law increase order issued the other day by the P270B.

"They are already estimating what would be the effect of the law hike on worker purchasing power," he said.

Bispas said the President should immediately create the executive body to coordinate and regulate the pricing of "socially sensitive" products such as regulated petroleum gas (LPG), cooking oil, medicine, educational supplies and other basic commodities.

"Many of us might not survive this point-in-time if the government would not exercise its regulatory power on the escalating cost of socially sensitive products," he said.

The task force should put a price cap on these products and the government can put the necessary law in place, Bispas said.

Marino said, "Before we should support the passage of the proposed P125 legislative law hike in the midst of new rounds of increase in price of oil and basic commodities."

"The Filipino people's demand for a wage hike has become more urgent, just and reasonable," Marino said.

He said P270-B Secretary Ignacio Buey's comment that the law hike was the price of "our most manager" was arrogant and

insulting.

Administration representatives called for solidarity and even public support for the law increase.

"They said the P270B had 'no business public interest and the plight of the transport sector, which has been hit by the increase of oil prices,'" he said.

Lito-AMT representative, Shante Peralta, chair of the House committee on transportation, and Renato Arce, vice chair of the committee on energy, said they expected a rollback in fuel costs as oil prices in the world market go down.

"The law hike is just a temporary measure. It was not intended to implement our Energy Plan and secure our local energy sources, then we can lessen our dependence on oil imports," Peralta said.

Laguarda explained that the wage board's members and commissioners were making their contribution on the effect of fuel hike on local transportation, using as model a family of six, of which two are employed and one of them member are commuting daily. P270-B report from Bispas, Peralta and Sen. B. Buey in P270-B report from Bispas.

Tax task force spent P70M to collect P11M

By Nelson F. Pineda

A PRESIDENTIAL task force in investigating tax credit issues has spent P70 million in the last five years but only managed to recover P10 million of the more than P5.3 billion tax credits estimated to have gone awry with.

And nobody has been sent to jail.

"This is how serious the government is in running after tax credits," Renato Bito, a former president of the Philippine Taxpayers' Association, said at a press conference yesterday.

Bito, citing a report by lawyer Jose Miguel Bito, said that the late President Fidel V. Ramos (1992-1998) ordered the Bureau of Customs and other government agencies to report to investigate and prosecute tax credit issues, should make a full report and accounting of their work.

Bito is the lawyer of Bito, a former president of the Philippine Taxpayers' Association, who was arrested by his brother Bito.

Deposed President Joseph Estrada charged Task Force (1998-1999) to investigate and prosecute those involved in tax credit issues, including Department of Finance and other government agencies and their accomplices.

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Bito said that of the 3,652 households acquired tax credits, only 1,000 households had actually received the P125 million in tax credits, while the rest of the P125 million in tax credits had not been received.

Of the 100 cases, 10 were dismissed for lack of interest in prosecution and seven are scheduled for dismissal for the same reason. Five cases were settled by 28 percent of their original amounts, while 10 cases are pending in court.

The 100 cases, Bito said, were not being handled by the BOC, in particular, citing the government to have P100 million, he said. Three other cases are pending with the court and in light.

"The government is letting these influential tax cheats off the hook," Bito said.

In a related development, Bito said that the Philippine Taxpayers' Association (PTA) is planning to sue the government for the P100 million in tax credits that were not received by the PTA members.

Bito, speaking to reporters, said that the PTA had been filing a case in court and get a temporary restraining order.

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NGOs to file raps vs past PCA officials

By Blanche S. Rivera

NGO leaders yesterday said they were considering filing information and grandeur charges against officials of the Philippine Coconut Authority by citing the Ramos administration for allegedly failing to account for a \$12.5-billion World Bank loan intended for the development of the coconut industry.

The loan was awarded by the WB for the Small Coconut Farmers Development Program (SCDFP) implemented by the PCA from 1991 to 2000.

The issue was raised at a forum yesterday by the President's Office (PO), Philippine Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development Services, and Peace Foundation.

They cited reports from the Commission on Audit, showing that the PCA officials during the Ramos administration did not present original documents or necessary reports on the facilities that were supposed to have been produced by the PCA.

The organizations are keen on filing information and grandeur charges against Gen. Virginia David, a former PCA administrator who is still in the PCA house, as well as other PCA officials for allegedly failing to account for how the loan was spent.

David, who was PCA administrator from 1993 to 1998, and that during his term, the reported records of the agency were burnt. He said if there were any irregularities, they could have happened after his term.

David said that during his term, the SCDFP program was one of only 25 WB projects that were awarded by the multi-lateral agency.

"That would not have happened if there were any irregularities," he said.

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After jeeps, Metro rail fares up next

By Carlos S. Reyes

MTB jeep and bus fares, according to the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) board, are likely to increase this year by the middle of the year, according to government sources.

"There are strong indications that the PRC will approve a long-standing petition of the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA) to raise fares by 10 to 15 percent from P10 to P15 to P20 after additional fares are approved in 2007," a transportation official said. The agency is currently the MRT-5, a 10.5-km line to be built in 2007, and LRT Line 1 (Munoz to Alabang) and LRT Line 2 (Pasay to

Parañaque) have been approved. The MRT-5 and LRT-2 are expected to be completed by 2007.

The transportation department will be working with the LRTA to decide on the fare hike, according to the official, adding that the fare hike will be implemented in 2007. The fare hike will be implemented in 2007.

But since the recently approved P2 increase in the fare of public utility vehicles on expressway, starting May 30, the gap between rail and PUV fares would further narrow.

By then, the fare would be P2.50 for the LRT-2 and P3.00 for the LRT-1. The MRT-5 fare would be P2.50. The fare hike would be P2.50 for the LRT-2 and P3.00 for the LRT-1. The MRT-5 fare would be P2.50.

For LRT Line 1, the proposed fare would be P2.50 for the LRT-1 and P3.00 for the LRT-2. The fare hike would be P2.50 for the LRT-2 and P3.00 for the LRT-1.

Currently, the LRT-1 charges P1.50 for the first 10 minutes of travel, and P2.00 for the next 10 minutes.

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An average of 300,000 passengers per day will be served by the LRT-1 and LRT-2. The fare hike would be P2.50 for the LRT-2 and P3.00 for the LRT-1.

It added that the MRT-5 has international coaches for passengers. The fare hike would be P2.50 for the LRT-2 and P3.00 for the LRT-1.

Both rail agencies believe that fare should be increased to cover the increasing demand, and in the process of public utility.

Cops raid QC illegal drugs lab

By Ed Noy

NABOTEC agents raided an alleged illegal drug laboratory in Quezon City yesterday, seizing 272 kilos of suspected marijuana and several grams of drugs in various forms.

The alleged laboratory was located in a three-story apartment unit on Apo Street near Quezon Avenue.

Police arrested five individuals, including the owner of the apartment unit, and seized the drugs.

The Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force (AIDSOTF) is currently conducting an investigation into the alleged laboratory.

Sta. Ana remembers past on patroness' feast day

By Kristin T. Solis

On May 12, Sta. Ana will pay homage to its patron saint, the Virgin Mary, on the feast day of the Virgin Mary, the Patroness of the Philippines.

The Church of Sta. Ana, which was also a prison in the past, will hold a series of activities to commemorate the feast day of the Virgin Mary.

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3 mayors sued for waste dump

By Michael S. Nolas

Three Metro Manila mayors were sued by a human rights group for failing to segregate domestic waste and contributing to the problem of open dumps in the city.

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Proposal to abolish MMDA divides local chief execs

A LAMC of seven cities and a group of Metro Manila mayors are pushing for the abolition of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

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Peping to BAP: Comply or 'die'



By Plarmino E. Castillo

COMFIC Commissioner plenipotentiary Juan "Peping" Capangpan yesterday threatened to withdraw its recognition of the Basketball Association of the Philippines as the sport's NSA if it reneges on its commitment to the Olympic body's basketball conventions.

In a letter to BAP president (Chairman) "Tito" Libert, Capangpan asked the amateur ruling institution to explain why it is repudiating values espoused in a covenant which the IOC hoped last month with the BAP and other basketball federations.

Indeed it was exactly meant to strengthen the commitment.

Capangpan gave the BAP three days to respond. "We shall be persuaded to return recognition to the BAP only as, but not limited to, the withdrawal of recognition of BAP as the NSA for basketball," Capangpan stated.

Without IOC recognition, the BAP risks a dissolution of its standing with the IOC, the international amateur basketball federation, according to a former official of the Olympic body. Libert reaffirmed the BAP's "uncompromised support" for the IOC program in a statement that day. Only to sign a resolution, along with the rest of the BAP officers, on Monday taking his lead

on the basketball committee, the vice president statement attributed to him and said it was an intention by consensus that.

Capangpan spokesperson Jany Rosales said the former Delta congressman was "intimidated but convinced" when he wrote the letter, just a few hours after learning of the BAP's latest stance in the newspaper.

"Given the proximity of the 16th (Worldwide Amateur Basketball Association) tournament and the SEA Games... basketball and sudden shifts in direction are inevitable," said the IOC, and the country council added, "Capangpan said."

The IOC noted that the BAP committed to a resolution during the April 19 and 20 sessions

calling on the amateur basketball body to "reaffirm and initial recognition in the Working Committee of IOC plenipotentiary Capangpan."

The BAP had agreed ahead when the committee opened out to pick its executive body, Roger Zhang, for the basketball in Singapore.

Members of the BAP feared the IOC's stance that even though its own plenipotentiary Chairman San director Jan Alvarez and legal counsel Jose Almonte had agreed to Capangpan's call to support Tito Libert as the man in charge of the basketball body.

Meanwhile the Philippine Basketball Association will rethink its position with regards to the

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Miss Serbia (foreground) and Miss Switzerland (background) perform as there is a short lull in Bangkok Tuesday. Thaksin and Phet will compete for the Uthairat 2007 pageant (May 21).

Blair reshapes gov't, rejects calls to resign

LONDON—British Prime Minister Tony Blair rejected calls to resign on Monday as he reshaped the ministerial path after last week's electoral growth weakened his government.

Blair's aides anticipated this conservative shift for the center-left Labor party last week, but voters, whom Blair met in his campaign tour last week, were surprised.

Blair's political debut on Monday was dominated by one question: what will he do?

"The whole story of the government is going to be 'where is he going,'" said Labor performance minister Alan Dancs, a frequent ally of Blair's side who resigned from the Cabinet over Iraq.

"There's a real danger the government looks divided, doesn't know itself, we lose touch with local government, elections and so on, and get weaker and weaker," she told BBC radio.

But assessment last year by sociologists a half-century of war in five years but this would not stand again... a more that indicates

ing too late a knee-deep, another one, his parliamentary majority fell at Thursday's vote will have 33.

However, his last department change from health to his new post, a government minister, Gordon Brown's Labor's last opponent.

Parliament's vote last fall of 320-190 in favor of Blair's new government. The vote added some published a cut-out "No resignation" newspaper.

A poll in the right-wing Daily Telegraph indicated 46 percent of voters wanted Blair out by this time next year.

And the speculation, like a ministerial reshuffle, is a sign of a government's ability to stay in power. Blair's last week, did not get a ministerial post.

Some critics want Blair to go by September, when Labor holds its annual conference. Labor performance minister Alan Dancs said he would stand for the leadership at the conference with the aim of

proving the way for a new government.

Others say Blair should quit around the 2006 September election, allowing him to leave on gracefully after a decade in power. In 2005, Blair's government was in a position of strength, with a 320-190 majority in the House of Commons.

But Blair's new role of managing to give up "I have not yet gone through four weeks of this to suggest it is a few months' time," he was quoted by media-writing websites.

Blair's political position remains uncertain as the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the start of the war in Iraq, and the start of the war in Iraq.

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Burma urges public to be vigilant

BANGKOK—Military ruled Burma urged public vigilance against "terrorism" on Tuesday as common anti-Burmeser who had followed a series of weekend bomb attacks and whether more people had died than more than 100 killed.

A news broadcast after Monday's bombings said a police spokesman said the number of victims... 11 killed according to some media... was much higher.

Douglas has also warned about the justice change that could be a guarantee and pre-detention rights were limited and the attack on the news media during the attack on the media center in Burma (also known as Myanmar).

"We just don't know who is behind it," U Nu, a 70-year-old retired government employee, said after he had heard that rebel groups had accused the junta of orchestrating the attack.

"I really feel bad and disappointed with our situation."

The city was slowly returning to normal on Tuesday, with shopping malls in operation. But many people were still afraid to return to public places after the attack on the capital on Monday.

"We can't keep shopping or using public transport, but when people go out, the police will be there," said U Nu.

The New Light of Myanmar newspaper, a government publication, reported that the military had killed 11 people in the attack on Tuesday, and injured others.

But the junta, which controls Myanmar and radio and black Internet sites that might carry news of enemy forces and outside the country has released no more details of the attack.

Reuters

Iran to resume nuclear fuel enrichment program

TEHRAN—Iran said on Monday it would resume uranium enrichment, a move the United States and the European Union have warned would set it on a collision course involved in the UN Security Council.

"We will fill the five stages of our enrichment, which is that of our UN Security Council (Security Council) project to achieve, in the next few days," Mohammad Rezaei, deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said at a press conference, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The Islamic plant is used to

convert raw uranium into a gas that can be fed into enrichment centrifuges for production into fuel that can be used in nuclear power reactors or, if purified further, into bomb-grade material.

Iran strongly denies UN accusations it is trying to build atomic weapons and says its nuclear activity will only be used as part of civilian energy programs.

Iran suspended nuclear fuel production in November as it tried to negotiate an agreement on the future of its nuclear activities with Britain, France and Germany who are leading the talks on behalf of the UN. Reuters

Germany prepares to dedicate new Holocaust memorial

BERLIN—After years of debate and delay, Germany is finally dedicating its new Holocaust memorial, an arching monument of concrete slabs on a site marked with the graves of German victims and the victims of today's persecuted Jews.

President Horst Köhler will give the opening ceremony Tuesday at the opening monument on the site of the Holocaust Museum in Berlin.

The completed field, about

10,000 square meters, will be a central monument to the Holocaust, which will be dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust.

People will then be able to walk into the field from any point, wandering among the slabs and seeing groups of people standing in the shadows of the Holocaust's victims. There's no name, place, or inscription on the slabs, but it will be a place to think and feel.

"I want to see a place of reflection," said the architect.

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Lebanon's election campaign heats up

BIGLIT—Lebanon's most prominent anti-Syrian leader, Michel Aoun, warned the Shiite Muslim guerrilla group Hezbollah and opposition factions, trying to build influence in the campaign for crucial parliament elections in the coming weeks to perform better.

After Monday, Assad Turki, son of the late former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, cleared the election fray stating he will fiercely launch the battle to restore his father's leadership. Thursday by announcing a list of names of Hezbollah in the capital's 13 parliamentary seats.

The vote, due to begin May 29 and to be held in several stages, is the first held since Syria's recent military withdrawal—and the opposition is hoping to restore control of parliament and break the backdrop of Syria's influence in power.

Masses were in Beirut among the many locations of the opposition—particularly after the arrival of Assad on Saturday from a 14-year exile in France.

The Christian former army commander met with politicians from all sectarian communities, seeking alliances. He met Hariri with a delegation from the militant Hezbollah group, promising to support Assad's return, who also stated the possibility of a coalition.

"We want and we will extend our hands to anyone who allows us to return," Assad said before a press conference with Hariri at his residence in Beirut, south of Beirut.

"General Assad wants to enter politics through the language of programs and plans only. He spoke with him on this and several on

all issues to adapt this language," Assad said. Assad and Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah will meet soon, he said without giving a date.

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Gov't readies \$750-M bond float

As credit market conditions improve

By Nicholas K. Rana

THE GOVERNMENT is borrowing as much as \$750 million from the global bond market to cover expenditures that are beyond its revenue collection for this year.

National Treasurer Cesar Cruz said the bond float, scheduled in the next few days, would be handled by J.P. Morgan, Citigroup, Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corp. and Deutsche Bank as lead underwriters.

The bonds to be offered will mature in 2015 and 2020.

Cruz, who was asked about improving the government's foreign borrowing program, said it would initially look at generating \$100 billion in the bond issue, although it could raise this to \$750 million should there be a

large demand for the bonds and should the market offer favorable prices.

The bond float will be the government's second time to tap the international market for financing this year. Its first international bond issue for the year was scheduled in late January when it sold \$1.5 billion worth of 15-year bonds. The bond float in January was the Philippines' single biggest raise ever recorded.

The government is set to borrow \$1 billion this year from the foreign market to fund the bud-

get deficit, which is estimated to reach P1.8 billion by year's end, and to pay maturing obligations.

"We have decided to engage in the international credit market as it has improved somewhat due to a confidence of investors," Cruz said.

The bond issue will cover some fixed differences in the value added tax (VAT) bill in the national treasury's collection of taxes.

The Department of Finance earlier said progress and passage of the VAT bill were expected to improve market sentiment on the Philippines because the treasury would substantially raise the country's fiscal position. The bill, discussed last time in Congress, estimates 1993 billion to P90 bil-

lion in additional revenue a year.

Despite that the government was facing at least P547 million for every day of delay in the passage of the VAT, the DTF has relied on Congress to study wrap-up discussions on the VAT bill.

Although there had been a deadlock between the lower house and the Senate over the opposing versions of the VAT bill, a compromise was struck earlier this month.

The compromise is to keep the VAT rate at 12 percent, increase corporate income tax rate to 35 percent, and give President (Manglapit) Wingo a monthly authority to raise the VAT rate if certain fiscal targets are not met.

FINANCIAL CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Shares and 0.6% lower on profit taking



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Inflation, taxes weigh on telecom profits

By Corrie S. Narisma

INFLATION and higher taxes are threatening the profitability of local telecommunications companies and could chip away at the momentum of this sector, according to Globe Telecom Inc.

Like a jumbo cruise of ships, and Singapore, Telecom, and it was expected that with the new bill, more than 10 percent or double what it was two years ago, consumers would be spending less on telecom services.

Increasing taxes, according to Globe president Gerardo Alano, would put telecoms directly in local earnings. As higher taxes hit

consumers, more tax money would be spent on goods and services.

All these are not only a huge financial difficulty for us, but also a big loss in revenue," Alano pointed out. Philippine spent P1.6 billion for transportation and communication in the first three months of 2010 compared to P1.1 billion in the same period in 2009 and P1.1 billion in the first three quarters of 2008.

PLDT chief financial officer Alano said that in 2009, Philippine spent P1.1 billion on cellular phone services against only P1.1 billion on landlines.

Alano said he was worried that, given the spending habits

imposed by the telecom sector might be larger in the future.

"There is a possibility of increased pressure on consumers to spend more on telecom services, which could lead to higher inflation," he said.

The two factors are costing the telecom sector in the long run, according to Alano, as the industry's revenue is already low with prospects of declining, which will take up and add to the cost.

Globe grew its revenue in the first quarter by only 1 percent to P1.1 billion. Alano said the trend of slowing growth is also evident in the fourth quarter of 2010 and was also experienced by PLDT and Smart.

While Smart Communications Inc. estimated revenue for about

1.4 percent to P1.1 billion in the first quarter, this was mainly due to the high double-digit level

revenue growth in the prior period. "Revenue growth of Smart would remain double-digit, but it would be in the low double-digit. It would be in the low double-digit, which is not as good as the high double-digit growth we were having 20 to 30 percent increases in revenue," Alano said.

Globe chief financial officer Alano pointed out the telecom sector's revenue would be "modest" by comparison and challenges.

The key now for the telecom sector is to manage risk and improve operating efficiency and

Manila Water sees no legal snag in buying into rival Maynilad

HK firm sells stake in P10-B Slex project

By Clark W. Babin

MANILA (BSP) — Hong Kong's Hui Fung Holdings Ltd. has sold its remaining 32 percent stake in the P10-billion South Luzon Expressway to Maynilad project to Maynilad Manila Water Capital, according to the latest of sales filed in the Hong Kong court.

The Hong Kong company, controlled by Chinese Guo Hua, in late April said it was selling 32 percent stake in the P10-billion South Luzon Expressway to Maynilad Manila Water Capital, according to the latest of sales filed in the Hong Kong court.

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Without the deal, the company would have been a big stakeholder.

By Elizabeth A. Sanchez

THE UTILITY firm Manila Water Co. Inc. (MWC) sees no legal snag in buying into rival Maynilad Manila Water Capital, according to the latest of sales filed in the Hong Kong court.

Efforts of the Apple and water firm also pointed out that the firm is acquiring a stake in Maynilad Manila Water Capital, according to the latest of sales filed in the Hong Kong court.

On the legal side, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel said there was no legal impediment to the planned acquisition.

According to MWC, buying

for the acquisition may come from its partners.

The water firm will acquire only a small amount of capital, the magnitude of which has not yet been determined at this point in time.

Agustin said MWC has enough resources to power its bid for Maynilad. The deal will be a friendly takeover of P10 billion from its stake in the public.

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water was also reduced to 50.7 percent to March from 50.9 percent in the state stock last year.

MWC's investment more than 20 billion for capital investments since 1997 and is planning to spend close to P4 billion this year for capital investments.

A consortium of investors led by Manila Water and General Investments Inc. (GI) is acquiring an equity stake in Maynilad, the operator of the water services.

In a letter to Maynilad and its shareholders, Singapore Holdings Corp. and the local group, the Singaporean Waterworks and Sewerage Authority, as well as Maynilad's board of directors, the company indicated that it was prepared to undertake the substantial costs of Maynilad "to ensure a smooth transition to the new management and operations of the subsidiaries under plan."

Chinabank to pay P2.5B in dividends

By Dennis C. Quinsac

THE Chinese Banking Corp. has declared P2.5 billion in total cash and stock dividends to its shareholders.

The bank, majority controlled by state-owned China Bank, announced that the dividends for holders of common shares would be in the form of a 35-percent or P2.5 per share each dividend, and a 25 percent stock dividend.

The cash dividend adds up to P1.28 billion for 36.34 million outstanding shares, while the stock dividend also amounts to P1.28 billion for the additional 12.79 million shares at a price of P100 per share. That would bring the total outstanding stock to 49.13 million shares.

It valued at the P100 per share price, the stock dividend would be worth over P1.28 billion, raising total shareholders' benefits to over P2.5 billion.

With the bank's equity base falling to P10 billion, the bank's shareholders also agreed during its recent annual meeting the increase to the bank's authorized capital stock from P5 billion to P10 billion. The move is subject to the approval of the Singapore Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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WATER FOR THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

For MWCI, doing good is good for business

By Tina Arceo-Durante

IT IS a sense that serves two others for Manila Water Co., Inc. (MWCI).

Every night, Billy Calano and his neighbors would line up with their jerry cans to collect water they badly need from the city public fountains.

That single fountain would serve over 2,000 families in Marikina City, Marikina, Batangas and in Marikina City. There, the water would usually flow, but a long line, from late night to early morning.

Since the water was scarce enough, at least 100 families in Marikina would be waiting for the water to come out of the public fountain, which was over 100 meters away from the public fountain.

Manila Water Co., Inc. thought it was time for the poorest residents of the city to pay as much for a basic commodity as it is for the rich. The company is looking for a way to pay as much for a basic commodity as it is for the rich. The company is looking for a way to pay as much for a basic commodity as it is for the rich.

Water straight to their homes Under the program, Manila Water provided the infrastructure to bring water straight into the homes of the informal settlers.

For most residents, it was the first time they had water running out of their own doors. There, water was not being waiting

in line for three residents.

And, furthermore, company executives believe that the company made it easy for the residents to get piped water as MWCI charges them a much lower connection fee, which can be paid in installments.

The residents also benefited from being able to pay for the water in installments. However, that they built a habit of not paying the dues, but the network also made their lives better.

amounts of the families.

100-percent collection rate

"We are proud to say that we have a 100-percent collection rate in the Marikina program, which we can't say for others," executives say.

From the 30,000 households visited during the design of the program in 1998, the Marikina Water Company has now installed over 700,000 households.

By the end of the year, MWCI is looking to push the number to over 1.2 million households.

MWCI did not stop at just providing water.

Since the informal settlers were living in shacks, Manila Water provided them with water piped directly into their homes, the residents—especially the women—now have more time on their hands to pursue other activities, such as livelihood training through Manila Water's Subsidized Water for the Community program.

Manila Water made water available to the



THE PILING UP of water from the project of Manila Water Co., Inc. has benefited over 700,000 households.

sewing machines, which they used to support their own small businesses.

Toward sustainable development

Initial funding was provided by the Bank of the Philippine Islands, with support from the International Finance Corp., the private investment arm of the World Bank.

To complete the development package, Manila Water is now providing piped water to the informal settlers (the water for the Community) program.

Manila Water, MWCI president, said in an interview that these programs were in line with the company's effort to support sustainable development.

"We are one of the companies that have been able to ensure that there is a good relationship between sustainable

development and our own business goals," Aguirre said. "We think there is no perfect system, by doing these efforts we are able to make the company program better."

He cited the experience of Tuguegarao, where, by helping poor residents get access to water, MWCI was able to increase the volume of billed water, thus bringing down water that is lost to pilferage and illegal connections.

Improving the bottomline

Another example is MWCI's use of small-scale entrepreneurs to provide services, such as installing and maintaining the pipes. But only now MWCI able to support more 30,000 families through the program, it was also able to get the service at a much lower cost than what it

would have to pay if it had to hire service companies.

These and other development programs are contained in MWCI's Sustainability Report 2004, the first of a series of annual reports that will outline MWCI's policy commitment to areas such as environmental, social, economic, and corporate governance.

"We have a number of ways doing all these sustainability initiatives such as better directly pay customers," Aguirre said. "The dimensions of helping the community and the company are both there. We have to accept that doing good is always good for business."

Manila Water, and others like it, are ready to go.



FOR MWCI, development and projects can go together.

Inflation, taxes . . .

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prohibitory line was that both Glaxo and Glaxo were looking at would be to end the early and damaging SLM steps.

The two major players seemed to keep the SLM step off for this month in the hope that they would generate savings and finally give more accurate picture of the number of sales in the industry in the country.

Experts believed that 1-4 million sales would jump from one network to another through the SLM step to take advantage of the P10 PSL level.

"With the SLM step hopefully taking a permanent leave, we shall see real sustainable growth numbers and the more normal levels of sales," Aguirre said.

Cocktales

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started the monthly giving way back in 1980 and who recently did not need the money decided that it was time to move on.

Manila Water already came an advertising driver (P100 per page), also placed in the City of the Key.

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Philamlife nets P2.9B in '04

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principally from investment operations (which contributed P1.3 billion in gross profit), agency sales growth in Metro Manila and the provinces, as well as significant sales performance of its key market segments.

He said Philamlife's sales were led by high net worth individuals, Filipino-Chinese entrepreneurs and overseas Filipino workers.

Meanwhile, the group's net investment income, including equity income from non-direct investments and realized capital gains, reached P7.4 billion. The net income of the company paid P1.4 billion in taxes to the government in 2004.

Manila said it ended the first quarter with 20.2 million sales, while Glaxo had 12.8 million and Sanofi-Schering, 1.7 million.

Manila SLM could about \$2.50 (P140) (P140) in free loss. An estimated SLM also has costs in the network. At P200 each, the 3 to 4 million sales were adding the gross to P1 billion in additional expenses in that each month.

Regulation said that the industry should end the SLM step because it would have been already ending the sales in the industry.

"The SLM step had been an industry battle, but in terms of industry numbers, we are encouraging the industry to stop the SLM step because while it generates activity, it had not been generating the same level of sales as before," Aguirre said.

Manila Water Co.

Heard through the grapevine

THE TOP 1000 companies in "The Past Year" named the subsidiaries of Manila Water Co., Inc. as the most successful in the Philippines. Manila Water Co., Inc. is the most successful in the Philippines.

The water bill for the first quarter has gone up from P60.40 per cubic meter in 2003 to P144 per cu m in 2004, an increase in the average P144 per cu m, an increase in the average P144 per cu m, an increase in the average P144 per cu m.

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Philamlife nets P2.9B in '04

Philamlife consistently ranked No. 1 in the industry in terms of revenues, premium, assets, investments and net income.

"We have made a lot of progress in the past year, and we are looking forward to continuing our growth in the future," said Aguirre.

In 2004, P2.9 billion in revenues were paid to policyholders, representing a 26 percent increase from the previous year, while actual net income for the first quarter of 2004 was P2.9 billion, or 27 percent higher compared to 2003. Manila Water Co., Inc. is the most successful in the Philippines. Manila Water Co., Inc. is the most successful in the Philippines. Manila Water Co., Inc. is the most successful in the Philippines.

BUSINESS

WEAK ELECTRONICS DEMAND

Exports hit \$3.26B in March, down 2.8%

By Michelle V. Rivas

WORSENING demand for electronic products has led to a 2.8-percent drop in exports in March from a year earlier to \$3.26 billion.

The report from the National Statistics Office showed that exports of electronics, which account for 16.4 percent of total exports, slipped 3.7 percent in March to \$2.182 billion. This was the normal weight

month that total exports dropped, after 11 consecutive months of growth that ended in February, when exports dropped slightly by 1.6 percent from the previous year. Total exports for the first three months, however, were higher this year at \$9.33 billion, up 3.6 percent from \$9.01 billion the same three-month period last year.

The government is looking for a 9 percent increase in exports this year, after growth of 7.3 percent in

2008, \$40.3 billion dollars in 2008.

Aided from electronic articles of apparel and clothing accessories, the country's second biggest dollar export, however declined to March.

Exports of garments only reached \$148.22 million, or 18.1 percent lower than the same period last year.

Other products that registered export declines include: gasoline, wiring and used in vehicles, aircraft and ships, \$14.09 million from

\$154.06 million; other products manufactured from manure imported on a consignment basis, \$42.2 million from \$61.40 million; mechanical and hardware, \$42.19 million from \$14.1 million.

Japan remained the country's top export destination, accounting for \$463.45 million of the Philippines total exports for the month. The United States followed, with \$526.99 million; China, \$381.91 million; Hong Kong,

\$268.85 million; Netherlands, \$258.42 million; Malaysia, \$202.73 million; Taiwan, \$188.84 million; Korea, \$162.48 million; Korea, \$136.1 million; Indonesia, \$104.4 million.

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lowering of demand for other products, including from China and the US, remains the most difficult situation.

"Being oil prices remain in price a surprise," he said.

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RP called on to defend coconut oil

By Christine A. Gupitan

AN AMERICAN multimillionaire has urged the government to defend Philippine coconut oil against the campaign in the United States, led by American vegetable producers, to partly exempt oil as beneficial to health.

In November, a leading expert in the benefits of coconut oil, said in a letter briefing that the Philippines needed to act swiftly as the US Food and Drug Administration was set to review its food pyramid plan, and classify Philippine coconut oil under the category of saturated fat from animals.

The new classification could be included under the US FDA food labeling requirement starting January 2010.

This would put coconut oil alongside fats that are linked to heart disease, among others.

He said that the Philippine coconut industry has for 20 years been taking a beating from the American Vegetable Association, which wanted to convince the public that coconut oil was more of a threat to consumers.

It was only this year that the Philippine Coconut Oil Producers' Association Inc. began a campaign to discredit those claims that have adversely affected exports of coconut oil.

"This new classification may further cut down the country's export of edible coconut oil to the US," said PCOIP president Raul Torres in a press briefing.

The move campaign would also have reduced potential coconut oil exports by \$1 billion.

"We as the industry export outside were the longstanding campaign of the US vegetable industry to the detriment of the Philippine coconut industry," he said.

Address taxes on capital mart, RP urged

By Dennis C. Quinsin

THE PHILIPPINE government has presented the capital markets of developing economies such as the Philippines from fully developing, and as a step from the International Monetary Fund.

In a joint IMF-World Bank report on the Philippines, the report said that the country's financial system shows progress and withstanding stress, for instance, during the global financial crisis.

"Even if investors have the possibility of developing their financial markets, there is a major impediment," Pichon said. "It has been a perennial problem."

He said one way of catching investors' interest was to allow a tax exemption for an equivalent amount of securities income.

He said that governments must find ways to limit tax distortions and instead promote the country's own investment and economic growth.

In the case of the Philippines, he noted that there was little work circulating in the government bond market.

While there were government bond issues, the market was mostly small.

He also cited the lack of an active capital and stock market, as well as limited hedging tools in the Philippines.

But he said there had been positive developments in the country such as the establishment of the Financial Sector Reform in 2008, improved coordination and cooperation among regulatory authorities, as well as strengthening of financial disclosure and corporate governance requirements.

At the same time, he noted that the infrastructure for capital market reform had been established—such as the introduction of the Philippine securities system and the first national exchange that was launched in March. He said these reforms should improve transparency, reduce costs and increase competition.

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To be your
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"When it comes to the
 harmonies and arrangements,
 we really challenged ourselves here."



HOME harmony and depth: Destiny's Child's new album is far more mature and focused...expanding creativity they've never shown before.



The Edge

SYDNEY, Australia—The stage wasn't big enough for the three divas of pop and R&B. In fact, the whole world isn't big enough to handle the girl's harmonies of Beyoncé, Kelly Rowland, otherwise known as Destiny's Child, now back in each other's rhapsodic-colored arms to fulfill a destiny.

When they parted ways after doing the "Destiny" album way back 2001, their bond has felt like three years melted like a lifetime. But they needed to find themselves, get into their respective solo careers to find their superlative selves. Only after then did they make their reunion album, "Destiny Fulfilled," released last 2009.

Michelle was the first member to have a solo project released. She went into gospel music, which inspired the gospel theme. "People were surprised when I did gospel music. They said...what? But as Destiny's Child and now you're singing gospel? What they don't realize is that gospel music is supposed to be about the good news, and that is about loving each other, not judging." She also did Broadway, playing the lead in "Hairs" after Toni Braxton.

Kelly's solo career featured "Destiny," a duet she did with superlative Kelly—it got the number one slot in the UK and was her first Grammy. She's now engaged to be married to Dallas Destiny Ray Williams. "I'm getting ready to be a wife."

Working apart

Reynolds featured into the movie, debuting with MTV's "Ghetto: A Day in the Life," but it was her role as Ray in "Ghetto" in "North Power: Collaboration" that got her the most attention. She followed that up with "Fighting Temptations" with Cuba Gooding Jr. and the role of "That Panther" with Steve Martin as Inspector Gadget and Reynolds as Kinky. It was her last year.

Her solo album "Compassionately In Love" went multi-platinum, and her "Crazy in Love" single with Jay-Z went to number one. She has been Grammy-nominated. The last time I met and interviewed her in London, Thailand in 2000, she didn't have a voice and that body. Now, my jaw dropped when I saw her.

Working apart from each other made the Destiny girls realize how important they are to each other. "These girls are my sisters," said Kelly in an interview and those with Vantage where they all were Helmut Lang, in such contrast to their lives of luxury and the (designed by Reynolds) men (Yas Kurosaki) modeled with their own style.

"Coming back together again will inspire other groups to support each other, be happy for each other, and to be people like it's all."



DESTINY girls realize how important they are to each other. (Destiny's Child)



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My summer beauty checklist

THE SUDDEN rise in temperature around the months of March and April has become my cue to (temporarily) overhaul my beauty habits.

Summer means two glorious months of sun, sea and sand—and 60 or so days of being at the mercy of UV damage.



Lora Gabol

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Better be ready

A girl has to get ready for the onslaught. So, along with booking beach trips left and right, I find myself scouring store shelves for the best skincare under the sun—pun intended.

Here's what I found this year:

Block beauties

As far as I can remember, I've been packing bottles and bottles of Hawaiian Tropic SPF 45 to all of my beach trips I've gone to. I love its beach-y coconut smell so much, I am known to sniff from the bottle off-beach season to remind me of beautiful memories of paradise.

But since I want to get the darkest tan I could, I'm toting the lip balm version of this classic potion for now and am off to discovering the best tanning regimen that will protect me from the dangers of the sun as well.

I went on a road trip a la "The Simple Life" with my good friend Camille to the nearby shores of Nasugbu last Holy Week. We knew that two chicks + the beach = tons of sun care products, so we packed bottles and bottles of sunscreen and tan boosters to make sure we would be heading back to the city with at least half of Paris Hilton's tan.

What worked for me? I sprayed on Nivea Sun Spray SPF 30 on my still-white body and slathered on Shiseido Moisturizing Waterproof Sun Block SPF 38 for the face on my notoriously burn-prone cheeks before baking under the Batangas sun.

Being on the dusky side (and having already gotten a tan from a previous Boracay holiday), Camille could afford to rely on the lower SPF of Nivea Sun Oil SPF 4 on her body and Shu Uemura Total Defender SPF 25 on her face.

As a tanning oil, I used Home Spa's Extra Virgin Coconut Massage Oil over my 'screen, trying to duplicate the fabulous Bora tan I achieved last year with the help of the sidewalk variety you can purchase from the *manangs* on the island.

Needless to say, we both got beautifully golden results.

Mane attraction

My freshly-chopped 'do deserved the best care, so I made sure I brought along my trusty Kérastase Soleil Voile Protecteur, a deliciously-smelling protective oil spray that coats each and every strand of your hair and protects it from sun damage.

Camille's lush locks were given a hot-oil treat with Home Spa Extra Virgin Coco Oil and Honey Hair Therapy, an intense treatment that worked even better under the scorching rays of the sun (the heat naturally released its natural silkening powers).

After an ample amount of sand and saltwater on our strands, we washed the evidence off with Sunsilk's limited-edition refreshing shampoo with watermelon extracts. Yummy!

After-sun special

To soothe the preliminary redness sun exposure lends to my skin, I generously rubbed on Phytomer Apres-Soleil Soothing Milk, the most luxurious after-sun treat (take my word for it).

The best part? You can use it as an after-sun recovery leave-in conditioner for your hair as well. Camille, being the sun goddess that she is, opted for Lancôme Cool Comfort, a relaxing, cooling concoction that does not only reverse the drying effects of sun exposure, but boosts your Brazilian babe goodness as a light self-tanner.

A genius spin-off of everyone's fave Flash Bronzer, it really does make your skin look more golden than the average under-the-sun tan.

Worth a shot

Nivea has a very competitive sun care line that has everything you need, whether you're



EMM GRYNER'S 'ASIANBLUE'

Time, love
and tenderness

By Salomea Devi Bethus
2017 Conference

Elvis Costello comes back home with *Natural*, an 11-track album showcasing her unique F.I. Crockett style. Prepare to dream yourself to a sea of luscious, sugar-drumming love and easy-listening music.

That's what happened to me. I got hooked. I am now as fixated as those kids.

The first four tracks of the
er's album—"Symphony,"
"Beautiful Things," "Southern
Holiday" and "True"—are great
for driving around town. —*Tom*

cially when you get stuck in traffic. First indication will blow off that steam coming out that your car and will transport you to a happier place. Not? Well, let me fix that.

The rest of the sharks are more on the east-facing side. Think *Sharky*! Great white, *Just Another*, lights and eyes. These songs will make you feel calm and relaxed.

The much-loved novel *Small, Fat Things* is full of the many changes in life and the beautiful things that will always remain, with a melody that will make you want to sing along.

I also like "Nasty Rebel." Dwyer's voice is truly haunting, rising on this one, and I can't help but look over my shoulder.

Yes, this album is a must-have. Listening to Gryner makes you proud that she's Filipino, too.

Figure 10.10

There wasn't signaling that Wall, Bloomberg and Bush were the biggest hands-right now. There's also Barack Obama, but also Michael Bloomberg.

How was it like when you were here at 13 years old, 17 and now?

The last time I was here, when I was 17, we came with the family. I was with my dad who is Canadian and my brothers and my mom and I. My dad just couldn't handle it, he couldn't handle the heat. He hated because I thought it was actually really beautiful here, I mean, December is not really that hot, is it?

It's actually the coldest month in the Philippines.

Yuh. (Laughs) That's a little bizarre. Imagine if he went here now. Did he slide under the ball?

Are there things you hate about Wisconsin?

There's nothing that I have about Filipinos. I really don't get it. I demand how anyone can hate such loving people. Filipinos are such great people.

Are there a lot of Filipinos in Canada?

A lot. There are a lot of Filipinos in Toronto. There's a Filipino family we usually spend Christmas with and some other holidays. It's with them that we get to experience Filipino food and other Filipino things.

That's good. Did you know a lot of Filipinos are going to Canada in the future and eventually?

My focus is the proposed council. But also work on Canada



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A day with an artist

By Christian B. Naeth
2017 Correspondent

FOR ANY novice trying to learn the fundamentals of art, acquiring a master at work could be quite a moving experience. Watching a skilled artist at work provides an open door enlightenment that resonates upon notions of theory and art. Every masterful teacher becomes a fully-studied to be duplicated.

Building a series of all ages now what to use with a day with us series, an event held weekly at the Cleveland Fountain Area. The workshop/program/research will be open to all ages, members of the Cleveland Fountain Area.

Overlooked in the last consumer run, people in attendance, most of whom were children picking up charcoal pencil for the first time, ignored the hint to learn the secrets of the trade from the popular art teacher. "This is to promote an understanding, life and harmony among the citizens of the youth," he said.

The workshop, which commenced on the basis, taught students fundamental drawing techniques, the backbone of most advanced forms of the craft. Subjects were voice and breath, the couple of still life painting, how to capture the essence of a subject by studying still life, and finally, how to capture the essence of a subject by studying still life.

Despite his complaints about students who skip to more advanced forms like oil and watercolor without first learning how to sketch, Goss admitted that his workshop inspires the learning curve of his students. "This workshop is a short run, in which, pencil-drawing takes less attention," he added.

In fact, the people who attended the workshop showed significant improvement within the three-hour event. "When I first asked them to draw for the first case, I discovered that most of them did not have the proper training. But after the lecture, many used techniques young men gave me," Lima explained.

The lecture was the second in a series of events by Apple Computer and the AppleLink team. A week earlier, prominent portrait and landscape artist Ronald Lauder had inspired some of his knowledgeable ideas and tone to a similar workshop. A day with an artist was also sponsored by Lefkowitz & Bourgeois, Higgins Gaffin, Cohen & Co., Pittman & Newman and Cassano & Hill (Figures 1 and 2).



REHOWNED actor Fernando Boner spends the day with a dog & wife.



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